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Amendments to H.R. 2055 (Part II) —FY 2012 Military Construction-Veterans Appropriations

The following Legislative Bulletin contains information on the amendments that will be considered in the final amendment vote series for consideration of H.R. 2055.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS IN FINAL VOTE SERIES
LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

- ◆ **Amash (R-MI).** This amendment adds a new section to the end of the bill that prohibits any funds made available by this Act to be used to administer or enforce the wage-rate requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, commonly known as the “Davis-Bacon Act.”
- ◆ **Sherman (D-CA).** This amendment adds a new section at the end of the bill prohibiting any funds made available by this Act to be used in contravention to the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S. C. 1541 et seq.).
- ◆ **LaTourette (R-OH).** This amendment strikes section 415 in the bill. Section 415 prohibits funds from being used under H.R. 2055 to require contractors to enter into project labor agreements (PLAs) on large scale federal construction projects (where the cost to the federal government is \$25 million or more). In 2009, President Obama created Executive Order 13502 to require government contractors to collectively bargain with their workers before breaking ground on any major construction project. Once the contractors and the workers agreed on terms, these PLAs established basic terms and conditions of employment on the project.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, PLA’s have been shown to decrease the pool of qualified contractors that will bid on federal contracts and have led to significant cost increases. Mandated project labor agreements also discriminate against contractors that are not unionized and employees who have exercised their rights to refrain from joining a union.

The following groups oppose this amendment and will “key vote” this vote:

- Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)
- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- National Federation of Independent Business

The following organizations oppose Project Labor Agreements:

- American Council of Engineering Companies
- Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)
- Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT)
- Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
- Merit Elevator Contractors Association of America (MECAA)
- National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) Philadelphia Chapter
- National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)
- National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC)
- National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
- National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)
- NUCA Representing Utility and Excavation Contractors
- Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBEC)
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Women Construction Owners & Executives, USA (WCOE, USA)